



CA-11 DMAT



Sacramento Disaster Medical Assistance Team

President's Message

As I look back over the last twelve months, it seems an incredible understatement to say that a lot has happened. Our shock, horror and indignation at the atrocities of 9-11 easily overshadow the many good things that have happened and that we have individually and collectively achieved. Every member of DMAT CA-11 should be proud of the fact that they are here answering a call to serve their community, their country and their fellow man. Your choice to get involved with CA-11 before the events of 911 illustrates the depth of your commitment to volunteerism in the service of others in need. For you, this is not just a fad, or a need to do something in reaction to events beyond your control. You are true unsung heroes who work for the good of humanity behind the scenes day after day. In being part of CA-11, and the greater Disaster Medical Assistance Team system, each of you in your own way is contributing to making a better world for all.

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***The CA-11 Officers are
Committed to the Goal of
CA-11 Becoming a Level I
DMAT by Next Fall***

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

January 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. General Meeting

March 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. General Meeting

Location and directions to general meetings:

3329 Fitzgerald Road #4, Rancho Cordova.
From Highway 50 take Sunrise Blvd. South.
Turn left on White Rock Road (major intersection). At first stop sign, turn right onto Fitzgerald Road. Go approximately ½ mile (you will see construction area on left) and turn left into "warehouse" units – number 3329 is set back in from the street, and unit #4 is directly below the building number.

November General Meeting Summary

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained from Jim Rich, CA-11 Secretary, jrich@water.ca.gov

Our President, Mike Zabiegalski, began the meeting by announcing that the Board had just approved a goal of achieving Level I status by no later than November 2002. Mike asked everyone present to contribute to meeting this goal by joining a committee, and inviting visitors to come to our meetings. The team meetings would be held on the third Thursday of every other month, starting in January. These general meetings would run from 6:30 to no later than 9:30 p.m., with the training portion during the last half. During the alternate months there may be special training meetings scheduled.

Anne Bybee explained how sponsorship by the UC Davis Medical Center will benefit our unit: access to a pharmaceutical cache, meeting space, and help with recruitment. She noted that since September 11, DMAT

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In January and February 2001 a management team was formed to devise and organize a process for CA-11, developing and operating. I was fortunate to be able to serve on that team from its outset and to see an idea become a reality over the next 10 months. I was also very fortunate to serve on the management team with some special people who shared a vision of an organization that would come to be CA-11. Those people who deserve special recognition for their efforts include; Warren Bonta, Frank Buck, Carol Elamrucker, Cary Chavez, Anne Bybee and Clarence Teem. We exist in part due to the early and often unnoticed efforts of these individuals.

In all fairness, many other members have come forward in the months since we first formed the management team that it we don't have room to name them all. But we are just beginning, and a lot of work lies ahead. We need more of you to step forward to volunteer for committees that are to build CA-11 into a mission-ready team. No one is unqualified as everyone is learning this process for the first time. We're all in on the ground floor of this team and can make a meaningful place for ourselves and associates. Don't hesitate to step forward and ask to be included in whatever areas draw your interest or expertise. We have met the initial goals and priorities set by the management team earlier this year. We have drafted, completed and ratified a set of bylaws by which CA-11 can operate; We have elected a promising group of Board members representing our team from our ranks; CA-11 has been established as a legitimate corporation in the State of California and is in the process of obtaining its non-profit status; and CA-11 has an official primary sponsor, UC Davis Medical Center.

We got off to a very good start in 2001, and I am confident that 2002 will be an exciting year for the members of CA-11. I would like to thank all of you for your participation and individual efforts this past year. May you and your loved ones have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Mike Zabiegalski
President CA-11

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units in New York have treated almost 10,000 patients. The Bay Area DMAT, CA-6, helped give antibiotics to thousands of postal workers back east. This summer the CDF is planning to conduct a pilot program involving 5-person DMAT strike teams to provide medical care at major CDF wildfires.

Jim Sachs, Vice President, explained how DMATs operate under the Incident Command System. With use of an ICS, more than 500 NDMS personnel from around the country have served in New York since September 11. Every CA-11 member will be trained in the ICS.

Bill Bohmer, our Treasurer, announced that on 12/31/01, we will officially become a non-profit California corporation: the Sacramento Regional Disaster Medical Assistance Team, CA-11, Inc.

Sheila Martin, our Administrative Officer, announced that we have sent 64 DMAT applications into the federal Office of Emergency Preparedness. So far 20 have been approved for membership in the



Training Officer Gorden Wooley,
Presents the Training Plan

NDMS. Those applications that were filed before September 11 have been given priority; the other applications will take longer to process. **We have a great need for Respiratory Therapists to apply to join CA-11.**

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Gorden Wooley, the CA-11 Training Officer, made a presentation on training plans for 2002. On the even-numbered months, we will have training meetings. On the odd-numbered months, we will have business meetings, with some training at the end. He asked for volunteer instructors and support personnel to join one of his five training teams: the Incident Command System, HazMat incidents, deployment readiness, basic life support (CPR), and a training support team. These teams will help set up the monthly training sessions, as well as training at our three planned field events: Rough and Ready (probably in June), the East Bay wildland fire training exercise, and a CA-11 "Summer Camp" in August.

Finally, President Mike Z. introduced Kelly Scot Moore, our Public Information Officer, who is forming a fund-raising committee.

After a short break, Gordon began the training portion of the team meeting by explaining that the NDMS on-line training covers important topics for both medical and non-medical personnel. He then gave us an introduction to the Incident

Command System. The ICS provides a standardized structure that can be adopted by different federal, State, and local agencies or units responding to an incident. The ICS allows for coordinated resource management. Gordon displayed and explained a detailed ICS Structure Chart that was geared for a DMAT (refer to the CA-11 Training Web site if you missed the meeting).

Mike explained that the twin concepts of ICS and Mutual Aid allowed a continued coordinated response to the recent attack on the Twin Towers, despite the fact that most of the first responding ICS leaders were killed or incapacitated. The Incident Command System worked under the most stressful conditions.

Cary Chavez, our Logistics Chief, talked about his recent experiences serving with a Disaster Mortuary Unit in New York City. He entered computer information to identify persons missing from the Twin Towers. But the devastation was so complete, that in 10 days Cary's unit was able to identify only 5 bodies.

Jim Sachs, our Vice President, presented an unforgettable slide show on his experiences with the NDMS at and near "Ground Zero" a few weeks after the September 11 attacks. Jim served in a Management Support Team. He was often at the Emergency Operations Center, where many different federal, State, and local agencies worked well together under the ICS.



Members of the newly formed CA-11 Board

Safety Officer Needed

*CA-11 is advertising for
an individual to become
the Unit Safety Officer*



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Training Calendar 2002

Date	Activity
January 17, 2002	Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Training Topics</u>; Personal Equipment, Uniforms
February 21, 2002 (plus 1-2 additional sessions TBA)	<u>Training Sessions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic ICS Classes
March 21, 2002	Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Training Topic</u>; Radio Communications
April 18, 2002	<u>Training Session</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment Familiarization/Deployment Readiness ** NDMS National Conference-4/13-17, Atlanta, GA **
May 16, 2002	Team Meeting <u>Training Topics</u> ; Deployment Readiness, Preparation for Rough and Ready
June 2002 (Date TBA)	<u>Training Session</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough and Ready - Statewide EMSA Field Training Exercise
July 18, 2002 (Field Exercise Date & Time TBA)	Team Meeting <u>Training Topic</u> ; Preparation for Wildland 2002 **Wildland Fire Exercise with CA-6**
August 2002 (Date & Location TBA)	<u>Training Session – CA-11 Summer Camp</u> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 day Field Exercise
September 19, 2002	Team Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Training Topics</u>; HazMat/WMD
October 17, 2002	<u>Training Session</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HazMat FRA Classes (3-4 sessions) • ICS Class (concurrent with one of the FRA classes)
November 21, 2002	Team Meeting <u>Training Topic</u> ; Cold Weather Deployment
December 2002	No Meeting - Happy Holidays!